

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2008. By the present Amendment, the independent claims have been amended to delete the language objected to in the 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection. Accordingly, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested. Also, the independent claims 7 and 14 have been amended to clarify the invention, as will be discussed below.

Reconsideration and allowance of the amended independent claims 7 and 14 and their respective dependent claims over the rejection based on the cited prior art to Bandy (USP 6,002,344) in view of Heng (USP 6,538,563) as well as the other secondary art cited in rejecting the dependent claims, is respectfully requested. By the present amendment, claims 7 and 14 have been amended to incorporate features based upon the Response to Arguments in the Office Action dated May 16, 2007. Also in that Office Action, it was noted that previous arguments made that the counter counts clocks from a reception unit without the need for commands, instructions or a decoding unit did not correspond with limitations recited in the claims. Accordingly, by the present amendment, the independent claims 7 and 14 have both been amended to emphasize that the reception unit sends a carrier modulation signal modulated by a continuous clock signal supplied from an antenna of the reception unit. By virtue of this arrangement utilizing the carrier modulation

signal modulated by a continuous clock signal, it makes it possible to avoid the need for command and complicated decoding circuitry (as noted in paragraph [0022], [0058] and Fig. 3 of the published U.S. application 2006/0114103 for the present application.

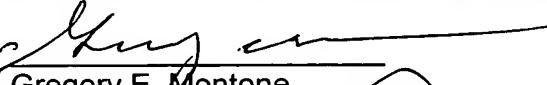
On the contrary, the primary reference to Bandy requires an instruction interpreter 310 to receive increment instructions and each tag increments regarding the count in its counter/shift register 312 (e.g., see column 4, lines 57-59, column 7, lines 5-7, column 6, lines 39-46 and column 14, lines 7-14). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Bandy reference clearly fails to teach or suggest the claimed feature of carrying out a count up or count down of the count value of a memory address counter “according to a carrier modulation signal modulated by a continuous clock signal supplied from an antenna of a reception unit.” Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the amended independent claims 7 and 14 and their respective dependent claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus,

LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 843.45150X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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